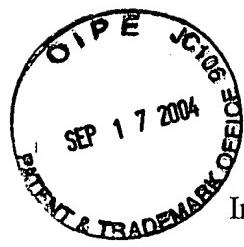


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
KEIJI SATO) : Examiner: Desir, Jean Wicel
Application No.: 09/836475) : Group Art Unit: 2614
Filed: April 18, 2001) :
For: CONTROL APPARATUS AND)
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P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for taking further action in the above case for three months, from June 11, 2004 to Monday, September 13, 2004.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Michael K. O'Neill (Reg. No. 32,622)
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Signature

September 13, 2004
Date of Signature

Submitted herewith is a check for \$950.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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